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**From:** Kaur, Supinderjit [Kaur.Supinderjit@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 7/13/2018 4:48:09 PM  
**To:** Donovan, Betsy [Donovan.Betsy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: FWS Responses to Draft FS RTCs

Sounds like a plan, thanks Betsy!!

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**From:** Donovan, Betsy  
**Sent:** Friday, July 13, 2018 10:11 AM  
**To:** Kaur, Supinderjit <Kaur.Supinderjit@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: FWS Responses to Draft FS RTCs

Hi Supinder, I think we should discuss Mike's FS comment in more detail within MPS and possibly with him. I'd like to understand the rationale behind it. Thanks

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**From:** Kaur, Supinderjit  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2018 6:24 PM  
**To:** Clemetson, Michael <Clemetson.Michael@epa.gov>; Donovan, Betsy <Donovan.Betsy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Pensak, Mindy <Pensak.Mindy@epa.gov>; Jackson, Amelia <Jackson.Amelia@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: FWS Responses to Draft FS RTCs

Thanks Mike!

Betsy – Should we include a comment with the NJDEP comments asking to remove the state Mike mentions below?

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**From:** Clemetson, Michael  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2018 12:54 PM  
**To:** Donovan, Betsy <Donovan.Betsy@epa.gov>  
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**Subject:** RE: FWS Responses to Draft FS RTCs

Betsy

The following contains potential language for the response to the USFWS:

It is acknowledged that the habitat quality for majority of the areas that may be addressed by the remedial alternatives may not be significant, and most of the moderate quality habitat can be found at the periphery of the landfill. As noted in the Feasibility Study (FS), the areas that may potentially be capped or excavated and backfilled, depending on the remedial alternative, would utilize vegetative species native to New Jersey. This revegetation may provide alternative habitat for species using the surrounding areas. A wetland restoration plan would be developed for any wetland areas that may be potentially impacted by the remedial alternative. Although ecological preliminary remediation goals (PRGs) were not derived in the FS, a Residual Ecological Risk Assessment is being conducted to verify the ecological protectiveness of the remedial alternatives.

As far as the FS is concerned...in Section 6.3.1 Overall Protection of Human Health and the Environment the following passage on page 56 could be removed.

The existing ecological habitats within the 25-acre Selected Area, which includes old field habitat, mature tree stands, and peripheral wetlands, would be eliminated and be replaced with maintained grassy areas which have lower

ecological value than the existing vegetated habitats. In addition, small areas of potential habitat for the federally threatened and State endangered bog turtle and blue-spotted salamander, as well as mature trees that are potential roosting habitat for the federally threatened and State endangered Indiana bat, would be lost permanently.

Thanks,

Mike

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**From:** Donovan, Betsy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 10, 2018 11:41 AM  
**To:** Clemetson, Michael <[Clemetson.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Clemetson.Michael@epa.gov)>  
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**Subject:** FW: FWS Responses to Draft FS RTCs

Hi Mike, We are drafting a response to the FWS letter, attached. Could you take a look at the "Habitat" comments and check the FS language to see if we need to request any revisions in the FS? Could you provide your thoughts on the "Habitat" comments and how we should address them? If you have any other thoughts on the rest of the letter feel free to let us know.

Thanks!

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**Subject:** FWS Responses to Draft FS RTCs

Betsy and Supinder,

Please find attached, FWS responses to the Groups RTCs on the Draft Feasibility Study for the Rolling Knolls Site. We look forward to continuing our discussions regarding the issues raised.

Thanks and have great weekend.

-gm

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